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From: Robert A. Pages
Subject: SWEDISH ARTICLE

Thanks.

I'm sure you have plenty of resources available, but if you need or want any help on the NHANES points, please let us know. With our encouragement, Terry Carlson attended a meeting last year at the National Library of Medicine at which NHANES-III was discussed and he brought back lots of handouts. Loreen McAlpin, who works with me, has copies of all of them (as does Terry, of course). I'm also reminded that, after reviewing the material, I wrote an internal memo to describe some of the data that is being gathered that could impact us on the ETS (and primary) issue. (If I can find a copy, I'll send it to you.) Among these are: their cotinine data should establish a definitive misclassification rate for the US population; they are also measuring VOCs in blood (e.g., benzene) - this will allow them to look for correlations with cotinine (as a surrogate for active or ETS exposure); likewise for blood cadmium; they will also be generating the best data set on confounders - e.g., relationship between dietary composition vs. smoking and nonsmoking households. That's all I remember off the top of my head. You should also be alert to the fact that NHANES-III data collection (23,000 people) will continue into 1994 and it will be a long time before the data tapes are made widely available. Papers are still being published today in which people are analyzing data from NHANES-I or II. (The CIAR confounders study by Matanoski was preceded by her analysis of such data to convince herself that a full-scale study was warranted. In fact the CIAR study would be unnecessary if NHANES-III data were already available, but we don't expect that to happen until, at least, later this decade.)

Best regards,
Bob

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To: RPAGES --VUS0212A Robert Pages

From: Anthony Andrade
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I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT HELMUT REIF AND I OFFERED TO WRITE AND CLEAR A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OR OTHER RESPONSE FOR IMMEDIATE USE IN SWEDEN SINCE THE VOTE ON THE TOBACCO LAW, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC AND WORKPLACE SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IS TOMORROW. CORPORATE AFFAIRS SAID IT WAS TOO LATE AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE. HOWEVER, THEY DID ASK ME TO DEVELOP A LIST OF CRITICISMS OF N-HANES FOR FUTURE USE. YOUR EARLIER NOTE, IN RETROSPECT, WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY.
REGARDS,
TONY

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